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After reading extensively on the proposed MS-DOJ settlement, I am flabbergasted by Microsoft's continued and aggressive disregard for laws they find to be "inconvenient" to the maintenance of their illegally obtained monopoly. The current proposed DOJ settlement prompts me to wonder if there is anything short of murder that will get a billionaire arrested?

This is not a settlement, it's a cave in to a thuggish company run by Enron-like monsters who refuse to understand that the law applies to them as well. I would rather see every purse snatcher and petty thief released from jail than to see one more white collar criminal go free.

Microsoft is overwhelmingly guilty of grossly abusing the law and the markets. Failure to punish them will result in a grievous weakening of our national defense, but the DOJ seems to understand security flaws about as well as you seem to understand the laws regarding full disclosure, ethics, and the binding nature of regulations and laws.

There are two kinds of people who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else.

- Cyrus Curtis

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